Poetry section

Sita

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Wonder she was the daughter of the earth goddess!
Wonder she was the adopted daughter of King Janaka!
Wonder she was the consort of Lord Rama!
Wonder she was an avatar of Sri Lakshmi!
Wonder she was the paragon of spousal and feminine virtues!
Wonder she was the goddess denoting good sign, good fortune, Prosperity, success and happiness!
Wonder she was the was the elder sister of Urmila and Cousin's sister of Mandavi and Shrutakirti!
Wonder she was known for her dedication, self-sacrifice, courage and purity!
Wonder she was abducted by Ravana!

Wonder she was not burnt undergoing a trial by fire to prove her chastity!
Wonder she was not accepted by her people for long captivity!
Wonder she was forced into exile during her pregnancy!
Wonder she delivered twin sons, raised them as single mother!
Wonder she witnessed the acceptance of her children by Rama!
Wonder she plea for release from an unjust world a life!
Wonder she finally sought refuge in the arms of her mother!
Oh! What a life that took away
Oh! She still is a fertility, abundance and well beings
Wonder she was an ideal daughter, an ideal wife and an ideal mother.

Wonder how cruel the mankind!
Wonder how many more Sitas' born and abandon!
Wonder how many dutiful fathers will adopt 'her'!
Wonder how many royal 'man' be her willing 'consort'!
Wonder who she becomes!
Wonder how she represents to this life living!
Wonder she is more of de-feminity and bad fortune!
Wonder how many brothers and sisters she being the eldest!
Chaoba, tomba, thoiba , thoibi, leima,
Wonder how courageous she breathes speechless!
Wonder she is besieging by her own man, own father!
Wonder she is thrown away in grasses and in the river water!

Oh! Breath less soul
Oh! Little goddess of virtues,
How courageous and purity you comes into form?
Cold and dark, so innocently soft unaccepted;
Wonder you being not royal being, hated and unwanted!
Wonder you prove wrongly of pure 'love'!
Wonder you're denied by 'her', your birth mother!
Wonder you're 'Sita' Sita of Sitas'!
Wonder how many more of you will be dumping!
Thrown dumping in canal waters, river waters, river banks
Layering with your thin muslin birth clothes;
Tangling and twisting thy string of cord!
Releasing from this unjust world of lei!

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AND MINING EQUIPMENTS, JUST THINK OF US

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National & International News

North Korea conducts 6th nuclear test, says it was H-bomb

AP
Seoul, Sep 3: North Korea said it set off a hydrogen bomb today in its sixth nuclear test, which judging by the earthquake it set off appeared to be its most powerful explosion yet.
South Korea's weather agency estimated the nuclear blast yield of the presumed test was between 50 and 60 kilotons, or five to six times stronger than North Korea's fifth test in September 2016. That would mark a significant step forward in the North's quest for a viable nuclear missile capable of striking anywhere in the United States.
On North Korean television, a newsreader called the test a "complete success" and said the "two-stage thermonuclear weapon" had "unprecedented" strength. Hours earlier, Pyongyang claimed its leader had inspected a hydrogen bomb meant for a new intercontinental ballistic missile.
Seoul's weather agency and the Joint Chiefs of Staff said an artificial 5.7 magnitude quake occurred at 12:29 p.m. local time, in Kilju, northern Hamgyong province, the site where North Korea has conducted nuclear tests in the past.
Seoul officials revised their earlier estimate of 5.6 magnitude quake. The US Geological Survey called the first quake an explosion with a magnitude 6.3.
The US State Department had no immediate reaction. South Korea's presidential office said it will hold a National Security Council meeting chaired by President Moon Jae-in.
South Korea's military said it has strengthened its monitoring and readiness while mulling a variety of possible responses that could be executed in collaboration with the US.
Japan confirmed that North Korea conducted a nuclear test, Foreign Minister Taro Kono said. "It is absolutely unacceptable if North Korea did force another nuclear test, and we must protest strongly," Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said.
The USGS and China's earthquake administration detected a second tremor in North Korea minutes after the first, describing it as a cave-in or collapse. South Korea's weather agency, however, said no second quake occurred.
North Korea conducted two nuclear tests last year, the last nearly a year ago, on the September 9 anniversary of the nation's founding. It has since maintained a torrid pace in weapons tests, including its first two intercontinental ballistic missiles test in July.
Last month, North Korea fired a potentially nuclear- capable midrange missile over northern Japan.
Earlier today, photos released by the North Korean government showed Kim talking with his lieutenants as he observed a silver, peanut-shaped device that was apparently the purported thermonuclear weapon destined for an ICBM.
What appeared to be the nose cone of a missile could also be seen near the alleged bomb in one picture, which could not be independently verified and was taken without outside journalists present. Another photo showed a diagram on the wall behind Kim of a bomb mounted inside a cone.
State media said Kim visited the Nuclear Weapons Institute and inspected a "homemade" H-bomb with "super explosive power" that "is adjustable from tens (of) kiloton to hundreds (of) kiloton."
North Korea's nuclear and missile programme has made huge strides since Kim rose to power following his father's death in late 2011. The North followed its two tests of Hwasong-14 ICBMs by threatening in August to launch a salvo of its Hwasong-12 intermediate range missiles toward the US Pacific island territory of Guam.
It flew a Hwasong-12 over northern Japan last week, the first such overflight by a missile capable of carrying nukes, in a launch Kim described as a "meaningful prelude" to containing Guam, the home of major US military facilities, and more ballistic missile tests targeting the Pacific.
It may be difficult for outside experts to confirm that the nuclear device detonated today was an H-bomb. State media reported that the test left no trace of radioactive material.
The US and its allies attempt to detect blast material to gauge North Korea's progress, but Pyongyang has become better at containing it as its nuclear program has evolved.
To back up its claims to nuclear mastery, such tests are vital. The first of its two atomic tests last year involved what Pyongyang claimed was a sophisticated hydrogen bomb; the second it said was its most powerful atomic detonation ever.
It is almost impossible to independently confirm North Korean statements about its highly secret weapons programme.
North Korea is thought to have a growing arsenal of nuclear bombs and has spent decades trying to perfect a multistage, long-range missile to eventually carry smaller versions of those bombs.
The White House said President Donald Trump spoke with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe of Japan regarding "ongoing efforts to maximize pressure on North Korea." The statement did not say whether the conversation came before or after the North's latest claim.

Modi congratulates those inducted in Council of Ministers

PTI
New Delhi, Sep 3: Prime Minister Narendra Modi today congratulated all those who joined his Council of Ministers, saying their experience and wisdom would add immense value to it.
Nine ministers took oath and four were promoted as Cabinet ministers as part of the third reshuffle carried out by Modi carried out in as many years.
The ministers promoted were Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, Dharmendra Pradhan, Piyush Goyal and Nirmala Sitharaman.
"I congratulate all those who have taken oath today.

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Shri Khumukcham Mangi Singh,
Retd. Dy. Commandant, 1st IRB
Govt. of Manipur
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Letter to editor

Reality of the real fact nobody wants to tell the naked truth.

Dear respected and honorable PM Narendra Modi, Manipur CM Biren Singh, Tamenglong district segment MLA Samuel Jendai, MLA Awangbou Newmai, MLA Gaikhangngam Gangmei, Tamenglong DC Armstrong Pame, Tamenglong District Council CEO Dipu Gangmei, Commissioner TD Manipur Thaithuilung Pamei, Chairman ADC Tamenglong Namsinrei Panmei, ZSU and ZYF.
Today I would like to share some of my experiences and doubts of Tamenglong district (included Noney district) of Manipur, India. Things are taking place but none of us may be serious about the happenings. It may also that we may not be able to get or have any data on these happenings which I am going to share with you all and I believe, these happenings are also neither legal or neither they are being legalize by any legal authority for not to do the work properly.
1. In the whole of Tamenglong district I have not come across not even 4 government schools which are properly functioning without any substitute teachers or having sufficient students and proper school buildings, etc.
2. Where are the government schools today in Tamenglong district in reality? How many of the government schools' teachers in Tamenglong district know or seen where the school they being posted? Or have they ever gone and seen the schools and students where they are being posted as teachers or headmasters for teaching? Or have they given for substitution to someone else?
3. In the whole of Tamenglong district not an Anganwadi Center in the villages or in the town are seen functioning as per the center should run or function.
4. Is there a single properly function or properly equipped Hospital or CHC or PHC or SPHC with all the posted Doctors and Nurses stationed without keeping any substitutions in Tamenglong district. I have seen or find not one in the whole of Tamenglong district.
5. In the whole of Tamenglong district apart from NH-37 I have not seen nor I have travel on any road even with 5 kilometers properly black topped (concrete).
6. Is the Central Government of India and Government of Manipur pay bills and salaries according to the paper reports that were or are being received from the concern departments and not seeing to the actual ground reality of works which are done or not done before any payment are being done?
7. Have the Central Government of India and Government of Manipur not allotted and not given sufficient money for the public developmental work for Tamenglong district?
8. If the Central Government of India and Government of Manipur have allotted and given sufficient money for the public developmental work for Tamenglong district. Than where are the money gone? Where and how are the works done for the amount of money allotted and given for the work?
9. Is it that the Government departments have instructed the staffs, employees, contractors and public leaders not to do a proper work and not to evaluate the work in Tamenglong district and that the district should remain so call backward and the people's moral should be hold down?
10. Can the Central Government of India and Government of Manipur start taking up the task of investigation, proper evaluation of the works done and fact finding task team with action force with regard to the past and present work done in the whole of Tamenglong district. And if anybody is found to be guilty than start booking them for every single legal action to be taken on them regardless of what position or office in the past or at present is holding or in what department it was or it is.
11. I believe that all the money that the Central Government of India and Government of Manipur is giving out for the public to have sustainable development and progress of the people in Manipur is of people's money. Therefore, every one of us has the full constitutional and personal right to enjoy the fruit of the work done and not to be deprived of it.
12. If I have said, which are not true, than please tell me so that I can also believe what I have not believe and can stop my doubt too. And if these, which I have shared are true than reach this sharing to the above mention important and power holding persons for the benefit and for the sustainable development, progress and transformation of Tamenglong and Noney districts.

Yours'
Lanthou Gonmei

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